

Board of Health Meeting

September 19, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Convene/Board of Health (Commissioner Conference Room/Zoom)

Attendees: Commissioner Swannack, Chairman Handy, Corrin McMichael, Dr. Brad Bowman, Chris Skidmore

- A) Approval of July 18, 2022 Minutes
- B) Health Officer Update – Health Director Chris Skidmore shared;
- COVID cases are still showing more on the West side than the East, which has been commonly seen.
 - There has been some testing the waterways for Polio and Monkey Pox, results are pending.
 - COVID tests are readily available at both Health Departments as well as in the community. Mr. Skidmore feels we are good on tests at this time and the with the Emergency Declaration ending, he does not see a huge impact on Whitman County as a whole. He also shared are now in a different phase of the pandemic, the current COVID strings are Ba4 and BA5, with boosters available less hospitalizations are being recorded.
 - Immunizations clinics are being conducted for childhood immunizations as well as TB tests.
 - There have been no Monkeypox in Whitman County, and the County has antiviral and vaccines available. Monkeypox is trending down.
- C) Environmental Health Update, Corrin McMichael shared;
- Environmental Health has been busy with the Fair as well as at WSU football games, recently had some Air Quality issues.
 - Inspections of the Colfax pool was done as well as to drinking water and all is good.
 - Will be sending staff to training in the coming months.
 - Two Community listening sessions have been completed for the Palouse Resource Guide so the website is being worked on with an official website date of November 9, 2022.
- D) HIPAA Update
- E) Administrative Update
- Mr. Skidmore reported in August the Pullman front desk person resigned leaving the Pullman office short staffed. He is happy to report he is interviewing this Friday.
 - In December he plans to advertise for a Community Health person and a new Nurse
 - He is planning to move Environmental Health staff to Whitcom building as soon as possible
- F) Public Health Fees Review (*to be adopted November 21, 2022*)
- G) Adjournment/Next Board of Health Meeting: November 21, 2022

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Tom Handy, Chairman
Board of Health